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CAPTURE OF FIUME PROVES HARD TASK FOR ITALIAN REGULARS

Death and Flames Ride With Passengers When Tram-trailer Hits Car

Kahn Feels Jap Settlement is Now Assured

(By the Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Declaration was made tonight by Representative Kahn, of California, that he believed reports were true that the Japanese government had withdrawn its opposition to the recently ratified California law prohibiting acquisition by Japanese of title to real estate in that state.

The California representative made the statement after a conference today with Roland S. Morris, American ambassador to Tokio.

Announcement was made by Representative Kahn that a meeting of California members of the house had been called for Wednesday to discuss aspects of the negotiations now being carried on between the United States and Japanese governments looking toward a treaty defining the rights of Japanese nationals in the United States. The principal matter to be taken up at the conference, Representative Kahn said, was the proposal that the California legislature be asked to enact a substitute for the recently ratified law. The substitute would prohibit any aliens from acquiring land in California and would thereby remove the contention of the Japanese government that the present California law is discriminatory.

SENATOR KICKS ON DEPORTATION

(By the Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Criticizing the deportation order against Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, soviet representative in the United States, Senator France, republican, of Maryland, in a statement tonight declared that it "is time for our government to forget its prejudices and follow the example of Great Britain by opening up the channels of trade for American citizens in all parts of the world."

PHOENIX' QUIETEST DAY
PHOENIX, Dec. 27.—Yesterday was the quietest day of the entire year at the sheriff's office, not a single call being recorded in the 12-hour period from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.

THREE MILLION CHILDREN ARE CRYING FOR YOUR AID

No doubt it is difficult for people to realize the magnitude of the suffering that not only confronts, but is even now upon the populations of Europe. During the last few years we have had immense figure after immense figure hurled at us, until we no longer grasp the significance of great numbers, and they mean almost nothing to us.

Yet, if it must again be repeated, there are, leaving aside the men and women, 3,500,000 starving children in the devastated and croppless parts of Europe. Read it again—one and one-half millions—and they are all children, helpless and dependent upon what American and European agencies can do for the relief of their terrible suffering.

Appeals have been made in the

DEFENSE STIFFENS AND POET LEADER FLIES OVER LINES TO DROP LEAFLETS

Bombers Spare City of Fiume but Palaces of Poet Shelled

(By the Associated Press)
TRIESTE, Dec. 27.—The regulars under General Caviglia are bombarding Fiume in combination with the navy, a systematic siege being under way. The guns are being directed against the barracks, the palace and similar buildings, the intention being to damage the city as little as possible.

DISARMAMENT IF WE JOIN WITH ALLIES, SAFE

(By the Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The United States, if it does enter the league of nations, should initiate a movement looking to an international conference for the reduction of armaments, Secretary Daniels of the navy department said tonight.

If an agreement is not reached by all nations for such a program, the secretary said, the "United States should have a navy second to none."

Taken Up in Senate

The question of disarmament also was discussed in the senate today by Senator Johnson of California, who declared that a disarmament agreement by the nations who constituted the five allied and associated powers in the world war would constitute "the one great step that could be taken toward the promotion of peace and the prevention of all future wars."

Secretary Daniels in his statement tonight declared that his naval estimates recently submitted to congress called only for minor vessels and expressed approval of general board's building program only in the event the United States does not enter the league of nations or become a party to an international agreement to limit armaments.

School Teacher is Married Xmas Eve

Announcement was made here yesterday of the marriage in Jerome on Christmas eve of Miss Mary I. Wingfield, well known and popular both in Prescott and the Copper City, where she is one of the supervising principals of the Jerome schools, to Wilfred G. Trevis. The news was received by Mrs. Ward Wheeler, at the county school superintendent's office.

Miss Wingfield is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wingfield, who are among Jerome's prominent residents.

(By the Associated Press)
LONDON, Dec. 27.—Fierce fighting is proceeding in the environs of Fiume, says the London Times' dispatches from Milan, and the losses to the regulars are very heavy, among the casualties being two colonels, mortally wounded.

D'Annunzio flew over the lines Sunday, dropping leaflets from his airplane calling on the regulars to desert.

The poet's troops have transformed the houses in the public garden into machine gun nests which have been effective in stopping the government forces. All the principal streets are defended by barbed wire.

An instance is related in which the legionnaires made a desperate stand in an armored car which the regulars succeeded in seizing after killing three and wounding two of the occupants.

The resistance encountered by Caviglia's troops apparently is unexpectedly strong and the capture of Fiume has been considerably delayed by the poet's defenses.

STANDARDIZATION OF FISTICUFFS IS PROPOSED

(By the Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Formation of a national body to govern and control professional boxing will be undertaken here next month.

Delegates named by the governors of 18 states will convene at the headquarters of the International Sporting club January 10, 11 and 12. During the conference the foundation for a national organization will be laid and rules and regulations for the standardization of boxing throughout the United States established.

Deny Near Eastern Workers Were Sent Out of Armenia

(By the Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Recent reports from Constantinople that American workers for the Near East Relief have been ordered out of Armenia by the soviet authorities were contradicted in two cable messages today by the Near East Relief.

CARUSO IMPROVES

(By the Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Enrico Caruso, tenor, who suffered an attack of pleurisy Christmas day, was reported improved tonight. A bulletin issued by his physicians said: "Mr. Caruso is resting well. His condition is progressing favorably."

CHINA'S NEEDS

PEKING, Nov. 23.—(By Mail).—China needs a new parliament and a foreign loan to reorganize the government. Premier Chin Yun-peng told newspaper men recently.

D'Annunzio is Wounded in His First Skirmish With Caviglia

(By the Associated Press)
LONDON, Dec. 27.—Gabriele D'Annunzio is said to have been slightly wounded, according to the Milan correspondent of the London Times. The report that D'Annunzio has been killed, the correspondent adds, is officially denied.

Venice Mourns at Word of Slaying

(By the Associated Press)
VENICE, Dec. 27.—The reports of the death of Gabriele D'Annunzio spread quickly through Venice today. The Italian colors on the flagstaff of St. Martin's Square were half-masted and soon afterward flags on houses were lowered. According to some reports received here, D'Annunzio was only wounded.

One report says that notwithstanding the absence of D'Annunzio fighting continues, the legionnaires trying to prevent the passage of the regulars, which are composed chiefly of carabinieri. It is said the battleship Andrea Doria participated in the operations against Fiume by firing grenades which killed several. One of the grenades struck the torpedo boat destroyer Espero, setting the vessel on fire.

LYMAN CLOSES ROAD TO STAGE COMPANY

(By the Associated Press)
PHOENIX, Dec. 27.—The Jerome Union Stage company has been restrained from operating its motor cars between Jerome and Prescott over the new state highway, according to an order issued by Judge Frank H. Lyman of the superior court of Maricopa county.

The Arizona Bus company instituted the injunction proceedings against the Jerome Union on the contention that the latter company was operating without a certificate of convenience and necessity. The defendant company declared it held a certificate to operate over the old Jerome-Prescott road and it insisted the certificate applied to the new state highway.

The case was heard in Prescott last week, Judge Lyman sitting for Judge J. J. Sweeney of the superior court of Yavapai county.

INGALLS IS HURT

YUMA, Dec. 27.—Adjutant General Walter S. Ingalls of the state military department, and his father, Frank S. Ingalls of this city, were slightly injured today when their automobile and another car collided. The adjutant general was thrown over the windshield.

Guns of Democrats Turn on Tarriff when Fordney Measure Reaches Senate

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Indications of the fight ahead over tariff legislation were given in the senate today when several hours of spirited debate and two roll calls were required to affect the formal senate routing action of referring to the finance committee the emergency tariff bill passed last week by the house.

Democratic forces split in the opening clash, five minority members voting with the solid republican strength against a motion by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, asking that the house bill be referred to the commerce committee, instead of the finance committee.

After defeat of the Hitchcock motion and several democratic attacks on the bill parried by republican defense, the senate voted unanimously to send the bill to the finance committee.

Soldier Bonus Bill Would Be Over 2 Billion

(By the Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Approximately \$2,300,000,000 was the estimate submitted today by Secretary Houston of the treasury department as the cost of carrying out provisions of the soldiers' bonus bill.

The secretary presented his estimates to the senate finance committee without comment other than to urge that no legislation be enacted which would lay an additional burden on the nation's finances.

BOND DEALER'S HOUSES CLOSE; HE IS ARRESTED

(By the Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—John L. Etheridge, ex-president of Morris Brothers, bond dealers, whose houses here and in Seattle and Tacoma failed to open today, was arrested late today at Minneapolis, according to a telegram received by the sheriff's office.

An officer will be sent at once to bring Etheridge to Portland, Sheriff Hurlburt said.

CLOTHES PRICE NOT TO SOAR

(By the Associated Press)
SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 27.—J. R. Marshall, secretary of the National Wool Growers' association, today issued a statement branding as "very misleading" an assertion attributed to Representative Madden, of Illinois, to the effect that the duty proposed on wool in the Fordney tariff bill would treble the price of clothing.

WANT TO GO BACK

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—The Los Angeles Russian Progressive club today adopted resolutions asking President-elect Harding to obtain safe passage to Russia for about 500 of its members.

REDUCE GERMAN ARMY

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The effectiveness of the German army have been reduced to 100,000 in accordance with the Spa agreement with the allies, it was announced today.

CON-ARIZONA'S AFFAIRS ARE PLACED IN COLVOCOORESSES' HANDS FOR ADJUSTMENT

Filing yesterday of a suit seeking a receivership for the Consolidated Arizona Smelting company was followed by an announcement by LeRoy Anderson, counsel for the company, that a receiver had already been named by United States Judge William H. Sawtelle at Tucson who appointed George M. Colvocoresses, general manager of the company, to that post.

Francis S. Viele, in behalf of a creditor, was said to have filed the application under which Mr. Colvocoresses had been named.

The suit in the superior court here yesterday was filed in behalf of J. G. Goll, represented as a resident of Ohio by Favour & Cornick. In this suit, it was alleged first that the plaintiff had sold the defendant a quantity of ore at an agreed price of \$1,100 which had not been paid. It was further recited that there was a multiplicity of debts, incurred for various considerations and including two bond issues aggregating over one million dollars. On these, it was said, interest payments were past due.

Insolvency of the corporation is alleged and it is further charged in the suit that this state of affairs has been hidden. About \$25,000 in taxes and labor bills of about \$20,000 are also said to be delinquent. The company recently closed its smelter at Humboldt and had already shut down its mining operations at the Blue Bell and De Soto mines near Mayer.

Plaintiff in the Goll case further alleges that owing to the many and varied claims that can and may be made against the company, there is peril of confusion and waste and delay in the adjustment and asks that the assets be at once placed under the administration of a receiver so that the highest good may be accomplished for all creditors.

At the office of LeRoy Anderson, attorneys for the company, it was said following the filing of the Goll suit, that the receivership had already been arranged for in the federal court, which had thus established jurisdiction over the case. It was the object of the receivership, it was said, to bring together under one hand, the assets of the company to prevent dissipation and to place the affairs of the Consolidated Arizona in such a condition that immediately upon copper reaching a profitable price, operations might be resumed.